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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Colonel James S. Miller
District Engineer
U. S. Army Engineer District
Chicago
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

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Dear Colonel Miller:

This refers to Public Notice NCCOD-P 4477305, dated March 22, 1974, regarding an application from the United States Steel Corporation, Gary, Indiana, to conduct maintenance dredging in Lake Michigan at the Gary Works Plant, Gary, Indiana.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of and in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The Department of the Interior has no objections to the applicant's request provided the following stipulations are included in the permit:

1. Water quality be continuously monitored at the effluent outfall and the results provided to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago, Illinois.
2. If at any time during dredging operations, water quality in Gary Harbor or in the contained spoil area effluent exceeds maximum limits for Lake-Michigan (as described in the Water Pollution Regulations of Illinois), dredging operations must cease until such time as the limitations can be met.

Sincerely,

Galen L. Buterbaugh
Acting Regional Director

cc: Mr. Mayo, Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago
Director, Illinois Department of Conservation, Springfield
Mr. Carr, National Marine Fisheries Service, Ann Arbor